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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed October 28, 2004, setting forth a restriction requirement. In response to the restriction of invention requirement, applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-3 and 6-17. In response to the restriction of species requirement, applicants elect species I, Figures 1-3, with claims 1-3 and 6-17 being readable thereon.

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